



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Oct. 15, 2014, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, at
→ The Fountains (all October)

Club Assembly, plus a spotlight on vocations



At the Oct. 22 meeting we'll pause in our long series of programs that provide glimpses into community issues – and look inward, to review everything that Bettendorf Rotary does to serve others, and to give some members an opportunity to tell us what they do in their day jobs.

President Sharon Sarver is in charge of the Club

Assembly, and **Tim Lane** is recruiting Vocational Service volunteer speakers.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014



Volunteering at heart of RSVP

RSVP – the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program – is 40 years old in the Quad Cities, said **Dave Layton**, director of RSVP of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois at the Oct. 15 meeting. And one member who joined the group in 1973 is still active, he said, adding, “She’s 99 years old.”

Dave went on to say that Wilma Nichol, who has accompanied singing at Bettendorf Rotary meetings, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. “And that’s what RSVP is all about – people who are still active and still finding ways to contribute.”

Funded by federal grants under the Corporation for National and Community Service, RSVP works with men and women, 55 years of age or older, and community groups to promote and increase volunteerism across a broad

range of activities. RSVP in the QC also receives grants from both Iowa and Illinois.



Many RSVP volunteers work in mentoring programs, Dave said – and others work with animals, read to children, repair things, garden, help shut-ins, work as museum docents... and much more.

He described the importance of a program of mentoring for foster youth – through which he became acquainted with our President Sharon. About 50% of foster kids “don’t make it as adults,” Dave said, primarily because of their troubled backgrounds. “That’s unacceptable,” he added, describing how RSVP works with such agencies as Family Resources and Scott County Kids to mentor them and improve their chances at success in life.



Another mentoring program Dave described uses retired engineers to give insights into professional engineering practice to students at the QC campus of

Western Illinois University.

Overall, RSVP leverages the professional and life experiences, hobbies and special interests of volunteers age 55 or older across hundreds of opportunities in the community. Sponsored in the QC by the Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging, the RSVP program serves Rock Island,

Warren, Knox and Henry counties, Illinois, and Scott County, Iowa.

To learn more, contact RSVP at 309-793-4425 or at: rsvp@wiaaa.org.

Announcements...

➔ **North Scott Rotary Auction:** **President Sharon** still wants to assemble 8 BRC members to fill a table at this event – both to support the NS club’s primary fundraiser, and to see what we can learn from their auction. Tickets – which include dinner – are \$10 to the event that opens at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Starlite Ballroom on the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport. RSVP to **President Sharon** (320-7180/ ssarver529@yahoo.com).



➔ **Looking ahead:** December is Family Month in Rotary. One way we’ll celebrate is at the Dec. 10 meeting when a group of musical Pleasant Valley High School students will entertain us with Christmas songs. Bring a family member – or more than one – as a guest to this second meeting at Tanglewood Pavilion.

➔ **Support for Polio Plus:** The Rotary Club of Ames started the following message, and our District 6000 governor thought it was such a good idea that he



asked all of the clubs in our district to join in:

“In honor of this year’s Rotary theme, ‘Light Up Rotary’ and **World Polio**

Day, Friday, Oct. 24, we are asking Rotarians who have message signs outside of their businesses to display the following message all day on Oct. 24th:

**“End Polio Now.
“Thank You, Rotary International and the Rotary Club of [Your club name]”**

→ **Future meeting sites:** To help you plan where to find BRC meetings over the next several months, here’s the schedule through early 2015:

- October – The Fountains**
- November – Bettendorf Public Library**
- December – Tanglewood Pavilion**
- January** (tentatively, if construction is finished) – the new Hilton Garden Inn

History with Harry... (Harry Coin looks through BRC archives to discover what the club was doing in years past...)



It's a boy! Isaac McWilliams was born this week in **2005** to club-president-to-be **Nicole McWilliams**.



Nicole wasn’t our first female president. Our first female president was 20years ago: **Faye Clow**. Faye started her career as a research librarian for the Federal Reserve in Chicago. She then moved to our area to serve as the

director of the Bettendorf Public Library for 30 years. Faye was also the host of the weekend radio program “About Books” and other literacy-promoting efforts.

Faye was the grand marshal of the 4th of July Parade in **2007**, honoring the doubling in size of the library during her tenure. Rotarian **Ann Kappeler** served on the library board, and Rotarians **Duncan Cameron** and **Bob Bahrenburg** were major donors.

Three years ago this month, then-President **Scott Naumann** represented Bettendorf Rotary at the dedication of “Faye’s Field” at the Bettendorf Library. “Faye’s Field” was a half-million-dollar greenspace improvement that added outdoor art, walkways and artistic plantings to give the library and Family Museum district a campus-like feeling.

We lost Faye at 67 years of age, only a few months after learning she had pancreatic cancer a few years ago.

Faye’s legacy continued right up to last week in our club! **Jim Spelhaug**

completed his annual task sending our club members into the schools to hand out donated dictionaries to each 4th grade



student in the Bettendorf. Inside the front cover of each dictionary where we ask each youngster to sign their name is a tribute to Faye.

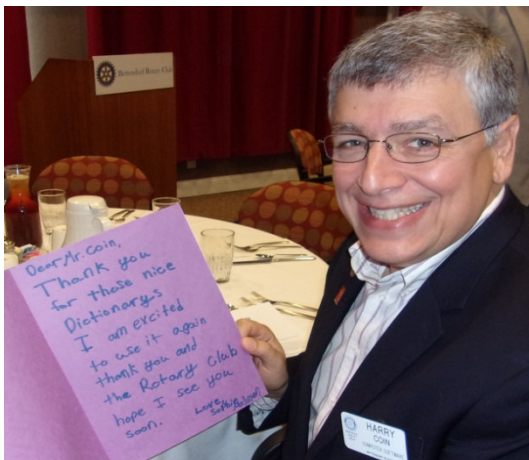
And that WAS the news!



**Jon Ryan
Happy \$\$...**
(Named in honor of
the late Bettendorf
Rotarian, punster,
jokester and all-
around good guy)

To the tune of “Because I’m Happy,”
President Sharon asked for tales of
happiness – and collected **\$293**.
Especially happy members were: **Tim
Lane** – “6 beautiful roses at my table”...
Ozzie (Richard) Oswald – loved
handing out dictionaries last Monday...
Scott Naumann – kudos to **Greg Blaske**
whose physical therapy improved his
knee... **Linda Miller** – kudos to **Mark
Ross** for his performance at the Chamber
candidates’ forum... **Mark Ross** – “\$17
for the 17 miles walked campaigning last
week”... **Ken Vandersnick** – “missed
last week – was in Colorado”... **Kevin
Kraft** – “I’m generally happy – I just
wanted my name in the Happy to Have a
Make-up drawing”... **Ryan Bell** – 8th
anniversary... spent it at the Rotary
Board meeting, returning to learn wife
Colleen had tangled with a spider...
Dave Deuth – missed appointment with
Greg Blaske this morning... **Sharon
Sarver** – “gave out dictionaries this

morning to
wonderful
kids”...
**Harry
Coin** – fun
reading
folder full
of notes
from the
kids to
whom he
gave
dictionaries



The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver rang the bell,
called the meeting to order, led the
recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and
turned to **Tom Howard** – aided by **Gail**



Baldwin on the electronic piano – who
led the singing of the day’s patriotic
song, “This Is My Country.” During
Moments of Silent Reflection, we learned
John Sherrick is improving, but **Brad
Morrison**’s step-brother and mother-in-
law are in failing health.

After introductions, Tom and Gail
returned with two more songs: “A
Helping Hand” and “Side by Side.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Dave Layton, RSVP, speaker
Carol Foster, HDC, guest of **Jeff Hassel**
Bob Mannhardt, MRA, guest of **Brad
Morrison**

In all, 46 Bettendorf Rotarians attended
and were joined by 4 guests.

And at the end...

... of the meeting, in the drawing from
among all those members who participated in
Jon Ryan Happy \$\$, it was **Kevin Kraft**
[check out his comments in “Jon Ryan
Happy \$\$” above] who won a Happy to



Have a Make-up – although he’d skipped out before the meeting ended. Some cries of “must be present to win” were heard, but **President Sharon** let the drawing stand. At least it wasn’t **Decker Ploehn** for the 3rd week in a row...

Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:
Oct. 22: Club Assembly and Vocational Service
Oct. 29: RDG Planning & Design: Community Vision

for Bettendorf

- Nov. 5:** Doug Miller: the Quad Cities in film...
- Nov. 12:** Mark Smith: Hand-to-Hand
- Nov. 19:** Deana Comandatore and Dennis VanderGinst: QC Cares
- Nov. 26:** open (day before Thanksgiving)
- Dec. 3:** Jason Platt, cartoonist, artist, actor, father
- Dec. 10:** Pleasant Valley Chorus: Christmas music



Missing...

(Number in parentheses: total meetings missed since July 1, 2014):

Arndt (15), Bibik (8), Boeye (13), Bowe (15), Bush (16), Calabrese (4), G. Coin (2), Daugherty (5), DeDoncker (10), Dickson (8), Doresca (3), Duda (9), Ellstrom (16), Erpelding (11), Falk (6), Felsing (5), Franks (11), Gallagher, Sr. (10), Gallagher, Jr. (6), Garlach, Gause (11), Glass (7), Gudgel (12), Habenicht (11), Heninger (7), Hill (10), Hinton (14), Kennedy (16), Limberg (7), Lizak (8), Lokenvitz (8), Loweth, McWilliams (13), Mannix (16), Martinez (8), Mitvalsky (7), Naeve (14), Nanda (2), Nelson (16), Olson (6), Pieart (2), Ploehn (5), Rabine (4), Salm (16), Saul (7), Schutte (4), Scranton (14), Slavens (2), Stone (4), Stopulos (6), Volbrecht (11), Werner (16), Willsher (13), Worley (15)



Make-ups...

Ken Vandersnick, Rotary Club of Rock Island
 Ozzie Oswald, Rotary Club of North Scott
Dictionary Project: Ozzie Oswald, Ryan Bell, Carl Loweth, Kelly Love-Sherrick, Mike Limberg, Jean Dickson, Annette Martinez, Steve Sorenson, Christy Gause, Linda Miller, Todd Larsen, Tate Featherstone, Jeff Hassel, Dave Chambers, Glenn Kass, Dawn Saul, Todd Zachery, Mark Ross, Rich James, Mike Hurd, Kristine

Stone, Tom Olson, Dick Schillig, Nicole McWilliams, Heather Wessel, Fred Anderson, Kevin Kraft, Harry Coin, Sharon Sarver, Tim Lane, Scott Naumann, Jim Spelhaug

Read to Succeed: Cathy Duda, Tony Calabrese, Bob Gallagher Jr., Fred Anderson, Tim Lane, Scott Naumann

Board of Directors meeting: Chelsea Powers, Jonna Schuler, Jim Spelhaug, Ryan Bell, Laurie Dobesh, Sharon Sarver, Kevin Kraft



Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
Monday, noon: Moline –Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline

Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City

Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center

Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – The Fountains (during October)

Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport

Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – J-Bar, Elmore Avenue, Davenport

Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church

Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

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Rotary



A spotlight on RI's PolioPlus

Why does ending polio matter? Why do outbreaks happen? What is Rotary doing? Find out during a live polio update on World Polio Day.

In the meantime, learn more about Rotary's efforts – which have helped reduce the incidence of polio worldwide by 99% – by clicking on the link below. There you can learn how you can donate, take other action, hear stories of polio successes around the world... and much more.

<http://www.endpolio.org/take-action?clid=CMKinJCitMECFVFgMgodj1wAeg>

For more on Rotary International:

<https://www.rotary.org/>